

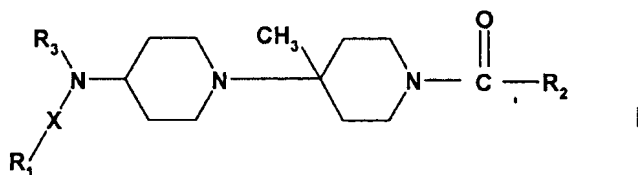
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

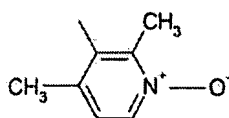
Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Previously presented): A compound of formula I



wherein

1) R₂ is a residue of formula



and

a) R₁ is thienyl, furyl, thiazolyl or 2-methyl-thiazolyl,

X is -CH₂-, and

R₃ is benzo[1,3]dioxol-yl or phenyl optionally monosubstituted by halogen,

or

b) R₁ is phenyl substituted by -SO₂CH₃ or CN

X is -CH₂-, and

R₃ is phenyl

or

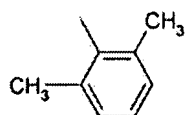
c) R₁ is phenyl

X is a direct bond, and

R₃ is pyridyl,

or

2) R₂ is a residue of formula



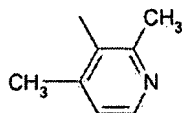
and

a) R_1 is pyridyl, phenyl optionally substituted by carboxy or C_{1-4} alkoxycarbonyl,
 2-methylthiazolyl, indolyl or benzimidazol-2-yl,
 X_1 is $-CH_2-$ or $-CH_2-CH_2-$, and
 R_3 is phenyl optionally substituted by Hal,
 or

b) R_1 is phenyl
 X is a direct bond
 R_3 is pyridyl,
 or

c) R_1 is 2-methyl-thiazolyl,
 X is $-CH_2-$, and
 R_3 is 1-methyl-indolyl
 or

3) R_2 is a residue of formula

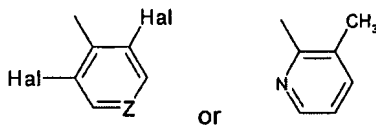


and

a) R_1 is 2-methyl-thiazolyl
 X is $-CH_2-$, and
 R_3 is phenyl substituted by halogen
 or

b) R_1 is pyridyl
 X is a direct bond, and
 R_3 is phenyl
 or

4) R_2 is a residue of formula



wherein

Hal is F or Cl,

Z is $-C=$ or $-N=$

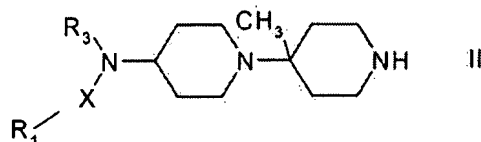
and

a) R_1 is phenyl, X is a direct bond and R_3 is pyridyl
 or

b) R_1 is pyridyl, X is a direct bond and R_3 is phenyl.

Claim 10. (Previously presented): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I as defined in claim 9 which process comprises

a) amidating a compound of formula II



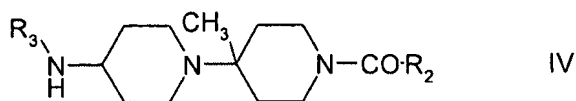
wherein R_1 , R_3 and X are as defined in claim 1

with a compound of formula III

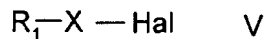


wherein R_2 is as defined in claim 1, A is a leaving group, e.g. Cl or Br; or

b) reacting a compound of formula IV



wherein R_2 and R_3 are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula V



wherein R_1 and X are as defined above;

and, where required, converting the resulting compound of formula I obtained in free form into the desired salt form, or vice versa.

Claim 11. (Previously presented): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I as defined in claim 9 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.

Claim 12-24. (Canceled):